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SOURCE

1. In mid-April 1953, source learned that allegedly for a total of 6,000 to 8,000 youngsters, 16 to 20 years old, who will be recruited in all districts of East Germany and will have to serve for one year, ADD ("Dienst fuer Deutschland" Labor) Camps were being established in the vicinity of major plants in East Germany. Source located camps near Fuerstenberg/Oder, Calbe-West, Lauchhammer and Unterwellenborn and believed that the Fuerstenberg camp with its planned capacity of 2,400 men was the largest. Another camp was allegedly projected at Bauunion Nord (Wismar).¹
2. The Fuerstenberg ADD Camp was east of the railroad line from Fuerstenberg to Frankfurt/Oder and was subdivided into four subcamps, which had the designations of D I to D IV. While the Fuerstenberg camp housed a total of only 450 men, on 13 May 1953, juveniles arrived at the camp in several trains from all areas of East Germany prior to Whitsunday, thus bringing the number of men in the camp on 22 May 1953 to 1,400. Some juveniles were very bitter because they missed at the camp what they had been promised. From 30 to 40 men returned to their homes immediately.¹

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1. Comment. The "Dienst fuer Deutschland" organization, which was dissolved in February 1953, was organized after the pattern of the army and was assigned labor service missions at military construction projects. This labor service seems to have been reorganized and to be used for the support of large industrial construction projects.

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